

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 12 November 1959

SUBJECT : Meeting with 25X1A5a1
Production of City Plans

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1. On 3 November 1959, Messrs. [redacted] of the Geographic Research Area, ORR, met with [redacted] an official of [redacted] in Washington. 25X1A5a1 25X1A5a1

25X1A5a1 2. The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussions initiated by [redacted] concerning the willingness of [redacted] to 25X1A5a1 undertake the production of city plans for selected cities of the USSR. Commercially produced plans are required by the East-West Contacts Staff of the Department of State and by our Liaison and Collection Division, OCR, [redacted] 25X1C4e 25X1C4e

25X1A5a1 3. [redacted] is potentially interested in undertaking the project on a commercial basis, but recognizes certain difficulties connected with the venture. The most important difficulty relates to the availability of source materials which can be used by the Company in constructing the city plans.

25X1A5a1 4. A list consisting of about twenty cities -- with six or seven indicated as being most important -- was furnished to [redacted]. He agreed to investigate his Company's holdings of source materials and to report on this by letter to Mr. [redacted]. In the meantime, we shall ascertain the source materials that would be available on an unclassified basis for use by [redacted] in its compilation effort. 25X1A5a1

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25X1A5a1 5. Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out that his Company would be able to get off to a more rapid start if the compilation materials used for our map of Moscow were made available to him. It was agreed that we would investigate the appropriateness of handing over to [REDACTED] the compilation and/or reproduction materials for both Moscow and Leningrad, since both maps are unclassified and since the project would be aided by furnishing them the material.

25X1A5a1 6. It is not anticipated that there will be a need for a formal contract. The work will be done under a verbal agreement between ourselves and [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1 to the effect that they will undertake the publication of city plans as a commercial venture, realizing full well that the project may not prove feasible from a profit point of view. The Government plans to purchase initially between 500 and 1,000 copies of each map.

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